

ENGLISH FASHIONABLE SCHOOLS.

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CITY ORDINANCES.

AN ORDINANCE Authorizing the Mayor to appoint Wounded and Disabled Soldiers as Telegraph Operators. Section 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to appoint, as soon as desirable, wounded and disabled soldiers as telegraph operators for each station house, on the police force of the city of Philadelphia, to be detailed as telegraph operators and to receive the same pay as those who are at present detailed for that purpose.

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